

Colsterworth and District Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd September 2014

Public Forum

There was 1 member of the public present.

Present:

Councillors: C Atter, D Hamilton-Hinds, M Cooper, D Cox, C Russell, A Wood, J Weston, I Greenwood, A Carsley

District and County Councillor Bob Adams

Parish Clerk: John Hannam

All Parish Councillors are reminded that by law they are summoned to attend all Parish Council meetings. If they are unable to attend they must advise the Parish Clerk with a reason for non-attendance preferably before the meeting from which they will be absent – failure to forward this information means a Parish Councillor is shown as absent.

Prior to the meeting PCSO Stuart Bowden reported on local crime. To be published in the “In Touch” October edition.

1. Apologies for absence and reasons given

Councillors J Clark (business), B Scorrer (business), J Walden (hols)

District Councillor Martin Wilkins (South Witham PC meeting)

Absent: Councillor P Cox

2. Chairman’s remarks

Chairman welcomed back councillors after the summer break and said as there was much business on the agenda that councillor should keep remarks short and to the point.

3. To receive declaration of interest in accordance with LGA 2000

None.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

Please note the minutes are distributed in note form each month to all Parish Councillors so that they may make comments and alterations via the Parish Clerk thus saving valuable time at the Parish Council’s next meeting when approving the minutes. These were agreed.

5. To adopt revised Standing Orders

Councillors agreed to adopt “The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 2.

6. Grant requests

a) Colsterworth Village Hall. The VH Committee are considering undertaking works to the floor and also the outside drains and path amounting to £9,519. Clerk to enquire what other possible grants are being sought by the VH Committee. Decision deferred to next meeting.

b) Colsterworth Church Isaac Newton Project. An application for funding has been made to the Heritage Lottery Fund for up to £600,000 to improve the facilities in the church for the benefit of the community and to reorder the Newton Chapel, providing a teaching and learning centre which will examine faith and the science in Isaac Newton’s life.

The sum of £30,000 has to be raised locally by the project team. Councillors agreed to pledge £1000 subject to a successful Heritage Lottery Fund application result.

7. Clerk’s Report

a) Colsterworth and Woolsthorpe Nature Reserve

The work to provide a footpath through the woody copse area and up to the old railway embankment at the east end of the railway embankment has been completed. Two benches have been provided and a notice board will be erected. Dog walkers are requested to pick up after their dogs and dispose of responsibly. Positive feedback from parishioners has been received.

Further works will be carried out by our volunteer rangers to improve the woodland and fauna over the winter months.

b) Cycle Track to Twyford Wood

It has been a struggle to obtain cooperation from LCC Highways. However they have now agreed to provide a design and specification for the path and KIER have agreed to quote based on this. Clerk thanked our District County Councillor Bob Adams for his assistance.

c) Colster Way Green

It is expected that the railings will be erected this month. Application to land registry will also be made this month following discussions with SKDC. Clerk thanked our District County Councillor Bob Adams for his assistance.

d) Spring Lane public footpath

The handrail has been fitted and has proven to be a popular addition by those using it.

e) River Witham public footpath.

Two tons of limestone chippings have been laid where the path is particularly uneven and muddy. The new bench costing £417 that was provided near to the River Witham culvert at Brunel Avenue has been vandalised. Certain individuals have tried to set fire to it. An appeal for information as to the identity of these persons has been made.

f) Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership.

Community Speed Watch. The CSW initiative has been launched by the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership. This enables communities to purchase both Passive Notices and Interactive Notices or Speed Indicating Device (SID). This was deferred to the October parish council meeting as an agenda item for full discussion.

g) Western Power. Finally the works to remove overhead electric cables and poles has been completed. The next phase will be Stamford Road but no date has been provided. It has been indicated this will be 2015.

h) Minimum wage moves from £6.31 to £6.50 from 1st October 2014

i) Allotment inspections

Allotment inspections were made on 24 August 2014. Four allotments were found to fail the terms of the Tenancy Agreement. It was agreed to terminate these four tenancies. Clerk will notify tenants accordingly.

j) Village signs. The new Isaac Newton village signs have been erected and favourable comments received from parishioners and non-parishioners alike.

k) Street light. A new street light is to be erected on public footpath 7 between Chestnut Grove and the A1 slip road.

l) Ambulance response times. Councillor Colin Russell informed the council that following recent incidents that East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust (EMAS) had failed to meet the target response times expected. It will be investigated if a local team of first responders would be advisable. Further advice to be sought.

8. Neighbourhood Plan

Good progress is being made. Distribution of parishioner questionnaires are underway which need to be returned by 26th September. They then need to be analysed; consultation document prepared and printed; distribute for the 6 week consultation period; organise referendum with SKDC.

A note from the NP Steering Group (Ann de Voil) had been distributed to councillors detailing some of the comments that had been made from the Open days in May and June for consideration.

9. Group Reports

None

10. Correspondence

SKDC Planning Policy
SKDC Electoral Services

Notification of draft Statement of Community Involvement
Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

11. Planning Applications

LCC PLANNING

The following applications were received:

None

SKDC PLANNING

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S14/1754/HSH Mr D Bentley	Single storey rear extension to dwelling, 22 Colster Way, Colsterworth
S14/2185/FULL Mrs J Hincks	Change of use from agriculture to domestic garden, land behind 8,10,12 Stamford Road, Colsterworth
S14/2353/HSH Mr & Mrs J Jackson	Single storey extension and single storey side extension, Tower Hill Farm, Water Lane, Stainby
S14/2246/FULL Acorn Care and Education	Alterations and change of use to allow occupation by two additional adults, 13 Back Lane, Colsterworth
S14/2275/TCA Mr & Mrs K Smithers	Reduce tree heights, Brook Place, Water Lane, Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth
S14/1804/HSH Mr & Mrs J Bateson	Proposed pitch roof to garage, 4 Belvoir Close, Colsterworth
S14/1921/HSH Mr K Smithers	Erection of brick built outbuildings and fencing, Brook Place, Water Lane, Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth
S14/1753/HSH Mr & Mrs C & T Duggan	Retention of levelled rear garden area and retaining walls, 30 Newton Way, Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth
S14/2383/TCA Mrs Clark	Fell Holly tree and fell Conifer, 8 Reads Lane, Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth

S14/2279/HSH Mr C Dexter Erection of replacement porch to front of dwelling, 2 Woodlands Drive, Colsterworth

SKDC Planning Permission Approval

S14/1380/FULL R Lambert, NT Demolition of wall and construction of replacement limestone wall
 S14/1381/LB " " Woolsthorpe Manor, Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth
 S14/1738/FULL Adjuvo Energy Ltd Installation of 165kw Anaerobic Digester, process building, digestate drier, gas holder, digesta lagoon and silage clamps. Land south of Honey Pot Lane, Colsterworth
 S14/0814/HSH Mr & Mrs Milligan Amended plans, 2 Water Lane, Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth
 S14/1804/HSH Mr & Mrs J Bateson Proposed pitch roof to garage, 4 Belvoir Close, Colsterworth
 S14/1754/HSH Mr D Bentley Single storey rear extension to dwelling, 22 Colster Way, Colsterworth

SKDC Planning Refusal

None

SKDC Planning Withdrawal

None

LCC Planning Approval

None

12. FINANCE:

Accounts for Payment

CHEQUE NUMBER	SUPPLIER	DETAILS	VALUE £'s
103026	K Atter/M Robertshaw	Community Cleaners (July)	351.24
103027	JR Hannam	Clerk's salary & Expenses	829.22
103028	MJ Cleaver	Village signs	510.00
103029	Eurooffice Ltd	stationery	79.25
103030	Community Heartbeat Trust	Pads	28.00
103031	I Hart Woodland Care	Footpath nature trail	1104.00
103032	WG Harrison Ltd	In Touch/NP leaflet	309.00
103033	M Winn	NP/Emergency plan	80.95
103034	G Brumpton	Village maintenance	965.00
103035	K Atter/M Robertshaw	Community Cleaners (August)	351.24
103036	JR Hannam	Clerk's salary & expenses	710.51
103037	Getmapping plc	subscription	33.60
103038	Royal Mail Group Ltd	Neighbourhood Plan registration	108.00
103039	Walker Morris LLP	Legal fees – FCC lease	1500.00
103040	J Hill & Co Ltd	Spring Lane (FP7) - handrail	1857.68
103041	G Brumpton	Village maintenance	710.00
103042	Neil Bennett	Neighbourhood Plan - postages	13.25
103043	WG Harrison Ltd	In Touch	239.00
103044	Glasdon UK Ltd	Bench (nature trail west)	416.91
103045	I Hart Woodland Care	Allotment hedge	120.00
103046	Rick Webster	Grass cutting (April)	415.20
103447	Councillor D Cox	Boxes – Neighbourhood Plan	9.99
DD	British Telecom	telephone	81.11
		TOTAL	£ 10,823.15

APPROVED by Parish Council

Summary of Accounts:

Income	22,962.70
Expenditure	24,764.70
Excess Income over Expenditure	£ -1,802.00

Bank balances at 29th August 2014

HSBC: Community Account	10,580.35
High Interest Account	52,083.93
Total	£62,664.28

Included in the above balances:

Neighbourhood Plan Fund 3,647.32

Community Fund	1,424.31
Recreational Fund	<u>15,773.20</u>
TOTAL	£20,844.83

Memo: 2014/2015 Project proposed spend

Cycle Track (11% for WREN grant £65K)	7,100
Nature Trail (old railway land)	5,000
Recreational	15,000
Riverside footpath improvements	2,000
North Witham – speed restrictions	<u>2,000</u>
TOTAL	£31,000

13. Co-option – vacancy for a Parish Councillor

There were three applicants for the position:

Mr N Bennett

Mr G Henton

Mrs F Selby

Result:

Mrs F Selby was co-opted with a majority of 7 votes.

14. Matters requiring attention (e.g. potholes and faulty streetlights)

- Kerbside potholes A151 approaching Twyford Wood eastbound
- Pothole adjacent to Truckstop exit A151 westbound
- Pothole on High Dyke/A1 flyover junction
- Pothole Houghton's Lane adjacent to White Lion
- Trees and bushes B676 Stainby Road obscuring signs
- Pothole Reads Lane/Newton Way
- Post Lane North Witham to South Witham west side deep trough

15. Any Other Business

None

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45 pm

Signed

Chairman

**THE DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IS AT
7.30PM ON THE 7th October 2014**

Attendance to date (May to April – annual maximum 10)

	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Apologies</u>	<u>Absent</u>
C Atter	3		
M Cooper	3		
A Wood	3		
I Greenwood	3		
D Hamilton-Hinds	3		
J Weston	3		
A Carsley	2	1	
D Cox	3		
P Cox		2	1
B Palmer	1		
C Russell	3		
W Scorrer	3		
J Clark		3	
J Walden	2	1	